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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : GROUP ART UNIT:

DAVID STUCKY et al. :

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FOR: FOAMED POLYMER-FIBER COMPOSITE :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-14 and Claims 18-20, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

15. (Amended) A method of forming a foamed [polymer-cellulosic] composite building material, comprising:

(a) compounding about [35-75 wt. %] one hundred parts polymeric resin, about [25-65 wt. % cellulosic] 68 parts to about 100 parts fiber per hundred parts polymeric resin, and about [0.1 to 2 wt. %] 0.5 to about 1.5 parts of a blowing agent per hundred parts polymeric resin to form a compounded mixture;

(b) feeding said compounded mixture into an extruder [, whereby said

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